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- 7. HARMONIZATION OF TRAINING PROCEDURES AND DOCTRINE. MEMBER NATIONS AGREE THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR COMMON TRAINING AND TO INVESTIAGE HOW FAR NATIONAL TRAINING PROCEDURES CAN BE HARMONIZED. THEY REALIZE THE DIFFICULTIES OF IMPLEMENTING THIS PRINCIPLE OWING TO DIFFERING NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND REQUIREMENTS, BUT IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO PURSUE THIS OBJECTIVE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE WILLINGNESS OF ALL TO CO- OPERATE. THE CLOSER MEMBERS' DOCTRINE COME TOGETHER THE GREATER WILL BE THE SCOPE FOR COMMON TRAINING. FOR EXAMPLE. THE COMMON USE OF TACTICAL TRAINERS MAY WELL DEVELOP FURTHER THE HARMONIZATION OF TACTICAL DOCTRINE WHICH EXISTS ALREADY TO A COMSIDERABLE DEGREE AMONGST NATO COUNTRIES.
- 8. STANDARDIZATION, FINANCE AND COST CONTROL. IN THOSE AREAS WHERE STANDARDIZATION IS ESSENTIAL, OR WHERE NATO OR OTHER AGREED STANDARDS ALREADY EXIST, EUROGROUP COUNTRIES SHOULD FOLLOW THESE AGREED STANDARDS. THE EXISTING 'GUIDELINES FOR THE FINANCING OF COMMON UNCLASSIFIED

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EUROGROUP TRAINING PROJECTS' SHOULD CONTINUE ON THEIR PRESENT BASIS UNTIL THEY ARE INCORPORATED IN A STANAG ON PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT AND FINANCING OF COMMON TRAINING. THE GUIDELINES SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE A COMMON BASIS FOR THE

DETERMINATION OF COSTS.

- 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERTS WORKING GROUPS. THE INVOLVEMENT OF TWO OR MORE EUROGROUP NATIONS IN A GIVEN OR PLANNED TRAINING PROJECT WILL GENERALLY REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP OF SPECIALISTS TO CO- ORDINATE INVESTIGATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOW- ON ACTION AND TO PROMOTE CONTINUING CO- OPERATION IN A PARTICULAR FIELD OF TRAINING.
- 10. CO- OPERATION WITHNATO AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES. MEMBER NATIONS FURTHER AGREE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE EXTENT THEIR NATIONAL OR COMMON TRAINING FACILITIES TO ALL ARMED FORCES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE. THEY CONSIDER CO- OPERATION BETWEEN EUROTRAINING AND NATO AUTHORITIES OR AGENCIES ESSENTIAL AND IMPORTANT TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

III. CONCLUSION

1. IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT PRINCIPLES IN THEMSELVES CANNOT COMPEL CO-OPERATION; THEY CAN ONLY IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS FOR IT. ALTHOUGH IN THE FINAL RESORT TRAINING FUNCTIONS ARE A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, DECISIONS ON THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES WILL STILL REQUIRE STRONG DIRECTION FROM EUROGROUP MINISTERS THEMSELVES AND DETERMINATION TO ACCEPT F

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